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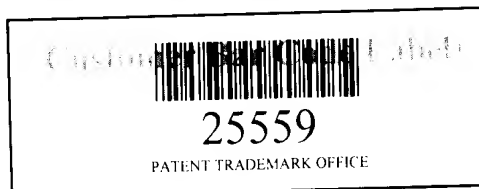
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**RESPONSE TO JANUARY 15, 2003 OFFICE ACTION
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the January 15, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application.

Please amend the specification of the application, as set out in **Section I** (Amendments to the Specification). The amendment in such section is in the format proposed by the U.S. Patent and

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Please amend the claims of the application, as set out in **Section II** (Amendments to the Claims). The claims in such section are presented in the format proposed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for adoption in July, 2003 in revision of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, pursuant to which the USPTO published a Notice published on February 25, 2003 at 1267 OG 106, accepting current submissions of amendments in such revised format.